

Workshop on Leading the Choir (6 Sessions/12 hours)

August 23- September 27, 2022

Melodious Accord - Towards Good Singing in the Church

This six-week course is for the church musician who is (or may be) in the position of leading a group of singers, and who would like to develop greater knowledge, confidence and skill. No previous experience required. The workshop will be led by Mr. Malcolm Edwards*.

Where: Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 7624 -39th Avenue NW

When: Every Tuesday for six weeks: August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, and 27

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm each evening

Cost: \$100.00**

To Register: contact Alane Boudreau at a.boudreau@sjcschola.ca before August 16.

The workshop will include the following topics:

- ❖ Conducting basics
- ❖ Running an effective rehearsal (punctuality, organization, seating arrangements, developing musicianship)
- ❖ Improving the sound (bringing out the best in who you have)
- ❖ Combining ear and eye
- ❖ Acoustic space/Sounding space
- ❖ The hymnal
- ❖ The volunteer choir member
- ❖ Sacred Music
- ❖ Selecting music for the liturgical season
- ❖ Resources for the liturgy (antiphons, mass settings, chant, hymns)

*Mr. Edwards taught music in junior and senior high school for twelve years in southern Alberta before joining the University of Calgary as a Professor of Music Education in 1980. He has held leadership positions within the Alberta Choral Federation and the Association of Canadian Choral Communities and is active as a choral adjudicator and workshop leader in schools and churches. He is also the Senior Choir Director of the Calgary-based St John Choir Schola.

**Do not let the cost be a barrier. For those who require financial assistance, a few scholarships are available.

This workshop is a joint initiative of the Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta and St John Choir Schola.